

July 24, 2001

Shane Kaatz
TDS Metrocom, Inc.
1212 Deming Way, Ste 350
Madison, WI 53717-1965

Dear Shane,

Enclosed is a copy of the Joint Petition for approval of the First Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between TDS Metrocom, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois for signature. Our Commission also requires Verification from both parties, signed and notarized. A sample of our Verification is included in package.

Please return the signed Joint Petition and your Notarized Verification to me overnight mail.

My mailing address is:

Mary C. Velez
Ameritech
225 West Randolph, Room 27C
Chicago, IL 60606

Any questions, please feel free to call me on 312 551-9150.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

August 7, 2001

Ms. Donna Caton, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Caton,

Enclosed please find the Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and TDS Metrocom, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
and TDS Metrocom, Inc.)	
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Approval of the First Amendment to)	
Interconnection Agreement dated July 16, 2001)	
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e))	

**Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the
Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between
TDS Metrocom, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and TDS Metrocom, Inc. (“TDS”) through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated July 16, 2001, pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the “Act”). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Parties have agreed that the Interconnection Agreement be amended to provide for certain terms and conditions and have entered into this Amendment to set forth such terms and conditions.

2. Mr. Larsen’s Verification in Support demonstrates that the Amendment to the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote facilities-based local exchange competition and enhance TDS’ ability to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a facilities-based, competitive alternative for local telephone services.

3. Copies of the First Amendment are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois and TDS’ public offices.

WHEREFORE, Ameritech Illinois and TDS respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of August, 2001

Ameritech Illinois

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and 252(e))	

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Eric Larsen, am Director - Negotiations for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between TDS Metrocom, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois.

The attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and TDS Metrocom, Inc. (“TDS”) was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois and TDS requests approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the “Act”).

The Agreement meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

The Agreement is amended as follows:

- ◆ The Table of Contents has been amended to reflect these changes and is attached in its entirety.

- ◆ Article XII of the Agreement, including any associated schedules, is amended in its entirety by substituting the language set forth on Attachment A and Attachment B in Lieu thereof.
- ◆ Appendix UNE Remand has been added as Attachment C and is attached in its entirety.
- ◆ Merger Conditions has been added as Attachment D and is attached in its entirety.
- ◆ Schedule 9.2.3 has been revised and is attached hereto in its entirety as Attachment E.
- ◆ Schedule 9.5 has been amended to delete Sections 4.0, 4.1, and 4.2 in their entirety and is attached as Attachment F.
- ◆ Appendix Pricing has been amended as Attachment G in its entirety.
- ◆ The Agreement shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement.
- ◆ Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the underlying agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and such terms are hereby incorporated by reference and the Parties hereby reaffirm the terms and provisions thereof.